

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3951–S4025

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3384–3387, and S. Res. 534–535. **Pages S3983–84**

Measures Passed:

Information Technology Investment Oversight Enhancement and Waste Prevention Act: Senate passed S. 920, to amend section 11317 of title 40, United States Code, to improve the transparency of the status of information technology investments, to require greater accountability for cost overruns on Federal information technology investment projects, to improve the processes agencies implement to manage information technology investments, to reward excellence in information technology acquisition, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4019–24**

Dodd (for Carper) Amendment No. 4147, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4024**

Silver Star Service Banner Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 534, expressing support for designation of May 1, 2010, as “Silver Star Service Banner Day”. **Page S4024**

Honoring the President of Mexico Felipe Calderon Hinojosa: Senate agreed to S. Res. 535, honoring the President of Mexico, Felipe Calderon Hinojosa, for his service to the people of Mexico, and welcoming the President to the United States. **Page S4024**

Measures Considered:

Restoring American Financial Stability Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Brownback (for Snowe/Pryor) Amendment No. 3883 (to Amendment No. 3739), to ensure small business fairness and regulatory transparency. **Pages S3961, S3964**

Ensign Amendment No. 4146 (to Amendment No. 3739), to amend the definition of credit to exclude no interest credit instruments. **Page S3973**

Dodd (for Vitter/Pryor) Modified Amendment No. 4003 (to Amendment No. 3739), to address nonbank financial company definitions and to provide for anti-evasion authority. **Pages S3973–74**

Withdrawn:

By 35 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 159), Whitehouse Further Modified Amendment No. 3746 (to Amendment No. 3739), to restore to the States the right to protect consumers from usurious lenders. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S3961, S3971–73**

Pending:

Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3961**

Brownback Further Modified Amendment No. 3789 (to Amendment No. 3739), to provide for an exclusion from the authority of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection for certain automobile manufacturers. **Page S3961**

Specter Modified Amendment No. 3776 (to Amendment No. 3739), to amend section 20 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for a private civil action against a person that provides substantial assistance in violation of such Act. **Page S3961**

Dodd (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3823 (to Amendment No. 3739), to restore the application of the Federal antitrust laws to the business of health insurance to protect competition and consumers. **Page S3961**

Dodd (for Cantwell) Modified Amendment No. 3884 (to Amendment No. 3739), to impose appropriate limitations on affiliations with certain member banks. **Page S3961**

Cardin Amendment No. 4050 (to Amendment No. 3739), to require the disclosure of payments by resource extraction issuers. **Page S3961**

Merkley/Levin Amendment No. 4115 (to Amendment No. 3789), to prohibit certain forms of proprietary trading. **Page S3961**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, May 21, 2010. **Page S3974**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739 (listed above). **Page S3974**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 158), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3964**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739 (listed above). **Page S3964**

Subsequently, a unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill be vitiated. **Page S3964**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 20, 2010; provided that at 2:30 p.m., the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be agreed to; and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739 (listed above); provided further, that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments be 1:30 p.m. **Pages S4024–25**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Patrick S. Moon, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Christopher W. Murray, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo.

Routine lists in the Army, and Navy. **Page S4025**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Messages from the House: **Page S3983**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—159) **Pages S3964, S3972–73**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:27 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 20, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4025.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (METRO)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro), after receiving testimony from Senator Cardin; and Peter Benjamin, and Richard Sarles, both of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (METRO), Jackie Jeter, Amalgamated Transit Union, Jack Corbett, MetroRiders.org, and Francis DeBernardo, Riders' Advisory Council, all of Washington, DC.

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3302, to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish new automobile safety standards, make better motor vehicle safety information available to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the public, and S. 3271, to amend section 30166 of title 49, United States Code, to require the installation of